improvement in the law and order situation, industrial and business activities have picked up and the functioning of educational institutions has improved. The programmes launched by security forces of providing civic services and medical aid in border areas have earned the goodwill and confidence of the people. There is increased realisation that gun culture is counter-productive. Greater interest is being taken by the people in encouraging surrenders of militants.

The Government is keen to hold elections as soon as favourable conditions for a fair and free election are created. No definite time-frame can, however, be set for elections at this stage.

Influx of Bangladeshi Nationals

63. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly three lakh Bangladeshi nationals are estimated to have illegally settled in Delhi as re-reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 31st May, 1992;

(b) whether in view of the statement by the Bangladesh Prime Minister during her recent visit denying large-scale influx of Bangladeshi nationals into India, Government have collected State and Union Territory-wise figures of influx of Bangladeshi immiragnts, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the arrangements since made and being made for their return to their home land ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) There are reports of influx of Bangladeshi nationals in Delhi and other parts of the country. Since most of Bangladeshi nationals enter surreptitiously and go under ground no precise figures are available as to how many such persons are living in India. Various measures have been taken to tackle the problem including intensification of patrolling by BSF and other agencies. As and when infiltrators are intercepted, they are pushed back to Bangladesh. Border roads are being constructed for better communications. Mobile Task Force have been constituted for detection of infiltrators. Moreover, the State Governments have standing instructions to expel/push back Bangladeshi infiltrators as soon as they are detected. The State Governments have also powers to prosecute them under the Foreigners Act, 1946.

Increase in Deaths Under Police Custody

64. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report, captioned "Police custody deaths are on the increase" which appeared in the Hindu of the 9th June, 1992;

(b) if so, the details of the custody deaths in different States and Union Territories during the years 1989, 1990, 1991 and so far in 1992; and

(c) what steps have been taken and are being taken to curb and prevent custody deaths effectively ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' including 'Crimes' being State subjects, it is for the State Governments to deal with cases of deaths in police custody. Information on this is not separately compiled and monitored by Central agencies. The Government of India have issued guidelines to the State Governments from time to time to ensure that police personnel behave in a humane manner, that alleged

cases of police excesses are taken serious note of and dealt with firmly wherever they occur.

Terrorism in the Country

65. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that anti-terrorists operations in Punjab, even after the installation of a democratic Government have failed to curb terrorism which has spread in a big way to Uttar Pradesh, particularly the Tarai region and Haryana;

(b) if so, the number and other details of incidents of terrorism in U.P. and Haryana so far; and

(c) the steps taken to unearth terrorists' hide outs, and to liquidate the terrorist group in U. P. and Haryana; and the outcome thereof in terms of terrorists apprehended or killed and their hide-outs busted and arms seized from them during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Incidents of terrorism have come to notice in the State of U.P. and Haryana.

(b) and (c) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Deaths due to Cholera in Tihar Jail

66. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some inmates of Tihar Jail died of suspected cholera recently and a number of inmates were hospitalised as a result thereof;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Tihar Jail grossly lacks in the basic civic amenities besides shortage of medicines; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Delhi Administration has informed that 585 cases of suspected gastro-enterits were detected in Tihar Jail during the second fortnight of June, 1992. Two inmates have reportedly died of gastro-enteritis on 23-6-92. 114 cases were referred to Deen Dayal Upadhaya Hospital. At present, only 3 inmates are admitted in the Hospital, 23 inmates have been kept in isolation wards in Tihar Jail.

(c) There is no shortage of medicines. However, overpopulation of jail has caused strain on the water supply and other amenities.

(d) Following steps have been taken in the matter:

(i) Supply of drinking water and water for cooking has been arranged from MCD Water Tankers.

(ii) A drive has been undertaken to improve sanitation.

(iii) Disinfectants like phenyl and bleaching powder are being extensively used.

(iv) Chlorine tables are being supplied to inmates.

Sale of Arms to Militants

67. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Hindustan dated the 2nd June, 1992 regarding illegal sale of arms to militants in Punjab by the militant groups active in Jammu Valley with the help of Security officers/para military officers in the valley;